

# United States Marshals Service



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This Morning, December 14, 2005, former Jackson County, Oregon resident, Donald Paul Notter, was deported from Ecuador and arrived at the George Bush International Airport in Houston, Texas where he was taken into custody by U.S. Marshals. Notter, age 39, was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in the District of Oregon (Eugene) for Mail Fraud and Conspiracy. Donald Notter allegedly bilked Oregon Investors out of approximately three million dollars in an Oil-Water Separator scheme and was also allegedly involved in selling a fictitious computer program that could predict the stock market. On June 6, 2005, the Internal Revenue Service requested the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service to locate and apprehend Notter.

U.S. Marshals Service investigators learned that Notter and his wife had departed Miami, Florida on June 10, 2003 to Caracas, Venezuela and that Notter could be living near Quito, Ecuador. With the assistance of the Department of Diplomatic Security and the Ecuadorian Police, Donald Notter was located and arrested near Quito, Ecuador on December 12, 2005. Notter is scheduled for an initial appearance and detention hearing before a U.S. Magistrate in Houston, Texas today or tomorrow. He will then be returned to Eugene, Oregon to face the federal charges.

The U.S. Marshals Service is the nation's oldest federal law enforcement agency. Annually, U.S. Marshals arrest more than 50 percent of all federal fugitives and serve more federal warrants than all other federal law enforcement agencies combined. Last year, U.S. Marshals cleared over 38,000 federal fugitive warrants and cleared an additional 45,000 state and local fugitive warrants through USMS co-operative task forces. For more information on this and other major cases, go to [www.usmarshals.gov](http://www.usmarshals.gov).